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BBC Broadcast to Italy

1. Further to teletype inquiry concerning the BBC broadcasts to Italy on 8 September 1943, this office has received an inquiry whether a short discussion of Nazi activities in Argentina was broadcast in Italian on that date between 11:30 and 12:40 GMT. According to documents still bearing a "Secret" classification, this commentary was to have been the signal from Eisenhower to Badoglio for cessation of hostilities. Some reports deny that it was actually broadcast.

2. Since the commentary would have been included in or between regularly scheduled newscasts on short notice, its absence from the file of scripts for the day would not be conclusive evidence that it was not carried. It is requested that inquiry be made of BBC whether it has any record that such a commentary was broadcast or conclusive evidence that it was not. If possible, a copy of the script is desired.

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